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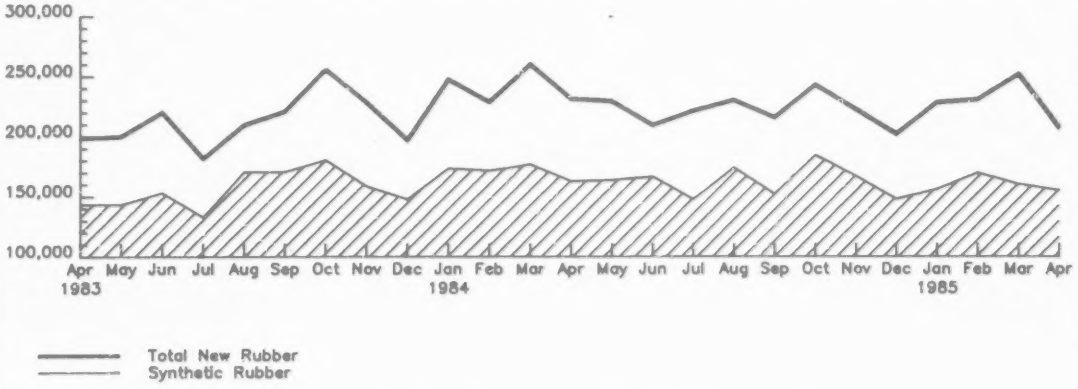
MONTHLY RUBBER CONSUMPTION REPORT

April 1985

This report was compiled by the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) and presents a monthly analysis of production, imports, exports, stocks, and apparent consumption of both natural and synthetic rubber. The procedures used by Management Information Services (MIS) of RMA to compile the data are reviewed annually by the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee which is made up of rubber industry representatives. The categories were selected to conform with the Standard Industrial Classifications (SIC) codes assigned by the the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census and are so annotated.

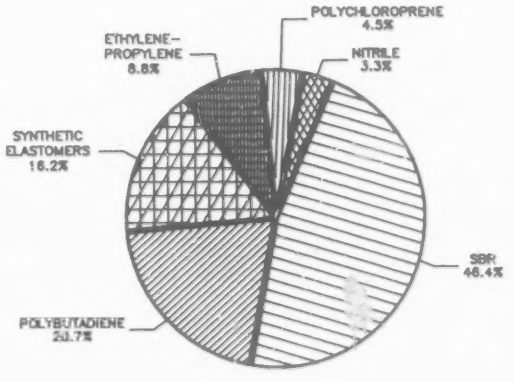
Total consumption for April 1985 is down −10.6% from April 1984, and synthetic consumption is down −4.8%. 72.6% of all rubber consumed in 1984 was synthetic, of which almost half was SBR, as shown in the charts below.

MONTHLY TOTAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION — NATURAL & SYNTHETIC

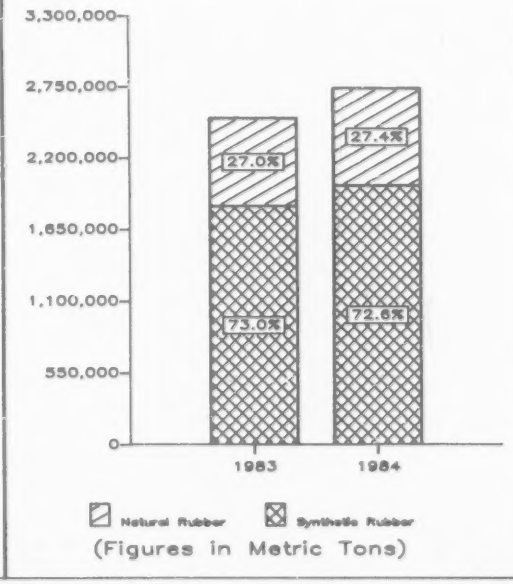


NOTE: NATURAL RUBBER CONSUMPTION IS THE VERTICAL DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CURVES
(Figures in Metric Tons)

1984 SYNTHETIC CONSUMPTION BY TYPE



CONSUMPTION OF NEW RUBBER 1983 — 1984



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RMA INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT
(FIGURES ARE EXPRESSED IN METRIC TONS)

ISSUED: 25 June 1985

U.S. SIC CODE		April 1985	April 1984	% CHANGE YEARLY	March 1985	% CHANGE MONTHLY	CUMULATIVE 1985	CUMULATIVE 1984	% CHANGE 85 vs 84
	TOTAL NEW RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	379,973	359,757	5.62	369,116	2.94			
	New Rubber Available	252,258	282,031	-10.56	296,083	-14.80	1,066,465	1,102,281	-3.25
	Imports	86,881	92,664	-6.24	114,012	-23.80	387,515	378,123	2.48
	Exports	30,554	33,129	-7.77	34,109	-10.42	120,863	118,282	2.18
	Apparent Consumption	206,183	230,611	-10.59	251,117	-17.89	920,536	965,741	-4.68
	Ending Stocks	395,494	378,047	4.62	379,973	4.08			
	TOTAL NATURAL RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	91,416	88,602	3.18	97,310	-6.06			
08490 11	Imports	65,005	70,290	-7.52	89,449	-27.33	300,065	294,946	1.74
+	Exports	2,847	1,959	45.33	3,813	-25.33	13,432	7,250	85.27
08490 13	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption *	51,669	68,235	-24.28	91,530	-43.55	281,043	281,816	-.27
	% Total New Rubber	25.05	29.58		36.44		30.53	29.18	
	Ending Stocks	101,905	88,698	14.89	91,416	11.47			
08490 11	NATURAL RUBBER DRY								
	Beginning Stocks	84,050	80,676	4.18	87,582	-4.03			
	Imports	59,853	65,154	-8.14	84,784	-29.41	278,546	271,425	2.62
	Exports	2,180	1,364	59.82	3,294	-33.82	10,972	4,253	157.98
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	47,945	62,174	-22.89	85,022	-43.61	261,334	260,821	.20
	Ending Stocks	93,778	82,292	13.96	84,050	11.57			
08490 13	NATURAL RUBBER LATEX								
	Beginning Stocks	7,366	7,926	-7.07	9,729	-24.29			
	Imports	5,152	5,136	.31	4,665	10.44	21,519	23,521	-8.51
	Exports	667	595	12.10	519	28.52	2,460	2,997	-17.92
	Stock Pile Deliveries								
	Apparent Consumption	3,724	6,061	-38.56	6,509	-42.79	19,710	20,994	-6.12
	Ending Stocks	8,127	6,406	26.87	7,366	10.33			
	TOTAL SYNTHETIC RUBBER								
	Beginning Stocks	288,557	271,155	6.42	271,805	6.16			
	Production	165,377	189,367	-12.67	182,071	-9.17	678,950	724,158	-6.24
	Imports	21,876	22,374	-2.23	24,563	-10.94	87,450	83,177	5.14
	Exports	27,707	31,170	-11.11	30,296	-8.55	107,431	111,032	-3.24
	Apparent Consumption	154,514	162,376	-4.84	159,586	-3.18	639,493	683,925	-6.50
	% Total New Rubber	74.94	70.41		63.55		69.46	70.81	
	Ending Stocks	293,589	289,350	1.46	288,557	1.74			
	TOTAL SBR								
	Beginning Stocks	126,246	121,145	4.21	124,235	1.62			
28220 11 +	Production	73,083	84,720	-13.74	76,697	-4.71	300,975	338,690	-11.14
28220 12	Imports	7,574	6,489	16.72	7,109	6.54	28,350	25,163	12.67
	Exports	7,284	8,691	-16.19	7,737	-5.85	29,287	33,524	-12.64
	Apparent Consumption	72,552	76,424	-5.07	74,058	-2.03	293,566	318,673	-7.88
	Ending Stocks	127,067	127,239	-.14	126,246	.65			
28220 11	SBR Dry								
	Beginning Stocks	117,656	113,944	3.26	115,357	1.99			
	Production	64,149	75,875	-15.45	69,037	-7.08	262,700	306,481	-14.29
	Imports	5,830	4,636	25.75	4,655	25.24	21,037	18,376	14.48
	Exports	5,403	6,646	-18.70	6,003	-10.00	21,902	24,556	-10.81
	Apparent Consumption	63,975	68,375	-6.44	65,390	-2.16	254,988	288,341	-11.57
	Ending Stocks	118,257	119,434	-.99	117,656	.51			
28220 12	SBR Latex								
	Beginning Stocks	8,590	7,201	19.29	8,878	-3.24			
	Production	8,934	8,846	.99	7,660	16.63	38,275	32,209	18.83
	Imports	1,744	1,853	-5.88	2,454	-28.93	7,313	6,787	7.75
	Exports	1,881	2,045	-8.02	1,734	8.48	7,385	8,968	-17.65
	Apparent Consumption	8,578	8,051	6.55	8,668	-1.04	38,579	30,332	27.19
	Ending Stocks	8,809	7,804	12.88	8,590	2.55			

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	TOTAL NITRILE								
	Beginning Stocks	16,718	9,540	75.24	15,327	9.08			
28220 41 +	Production	5,009	5,149	-2.72	6,396	-21.69	21,543	21,621	-.36
28220 42	Imports	773	1,056	-26.80	1,119	-30.92	4,649	3,902	19.14
	Exports	410	704	-41.76	733	-44.07	2,474	2,443	1.27
	Apparent Consumption	4,962	6,100	-18.66	5,391	-7.96	21,499	23,765	-9.54
	Ending Stocks	17,128	8,941	91.57	16,718	2.45			
28220 50	POLYBUTADIENE								
	Beginning Stocks	24,223	35,026	-30.84	22,321	8.52			
	Production	29,370	32,942	-10.84	31,189	-5.83	119,921	119,109	.68
	Imports	6,359	7,239	-12.16	5,471	16.23	22,420	24,470	-8.38
	Exports	1,826	1,952	-6.45	2,306	-20.82	7,923	8,203	-3.41
	Apparent Consumption	32,977	34,577	-4.63	32,452	1.62	136,656	135,892	.56
	Ending Stocks	25,149	38,678	-34.98	24,223	3.82			
28220 57	ETHYLENE-PROPYLENE								
	Beginning Stocks	45,760	35,658	28.33	43,640	4.86			
	Production	20,132	22,119	-8.98	21,692	-7.19	78,167	74,487	4.94
	Imports	58	20	190.00	39	48.72	329	251	31.08
	Exports	3,197	3,266	-2.11	2,060	55.19	10,087	11,254	-10.37
	Apparent Consumption	14,992	13,712	9.33	17,551	-14.58	64,410	59,206	8.79
	Ending Stocks	47,761	40,819	17.01	45,760	4.37			
	BUTYL, POLYCHLOROPRENE, POLYISOPRENE, SILICONE, AND OTHER SYNTHETIC ELASTOMERS								
28220 45 +	Beginning Stocks	75,609	69,787	8.34	66,282	14.07			
28220 60 +	Production	37,784	44,437	-14.97	46,097	-18.03	158,345	170,251	-6.99
28220 72	Imports	7,112	7,570	-6.05	10,825	-34.30	31,702	29,391	7.86
	Exports	14,990	16,557	-9.46	17,460	-14.15	57,660	55,608	3.69
	Apparent Consumption	29,030	31,565	-8.03	30,135	-3.67	123,361	146,389	-15.73
	Ending Stocks	76,485	73,672	3.82	75,609	1.16			
Included in 28220 45	Butyl								
	Imports	4,217	4,569	-7.70	6,967	-39.47	20,109	17,623	14.11
	Exports								
Included in 28220 45	Polyisoprene								
	Imports	924	865	6.82	1,263	-26.84	3,154	2,815	12.04
	Exports	386	862	-55.22	89	333.71	854	2,399	-64.40
Included in 28220 45	Polychloroprene								
	Imports	72	351	-79.49	363	-80.17	706	1,194	-40.87
	Exports	3,685	4,051	-9.03	4,409	-16.42	14,097	13,110	7.53

Latest figures available to RMA indicate INRO Stocks included in Natural Rubber Consumption figures to be 0 as of April 1985.

RUBBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION INDUSTRY RUBBER REPORT

This report relies upon a panel composed of approximately seventy-five (75) companies. The monthly consumption data reported by these companies is combined with data from the RMA 7 "Synthetic Rubber Producers Report", RMA 200 "Importers Shipments of Natural Rubber Latex Report", and RMA 201 "Natural Rubber Dealers Shipments Report". It is the feeling of the RMA Rubber Statistical Committee that this manner of data collection represents a valid sampling for statistical purposes.

The report presents the following categories for selected rubber types:

BEGINNING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report. Beginning stock figures may differ from prior month closing stocks due to inventory adjustments.

PRODUCTION: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

IMPORTS: RMA import figures are based upon Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA) numbers:

Natural Rubber Dry data monitored by RMA are TSUSA Numbers: 446.0544, 446.0548, 446.0552, 446.0556, 446.0560, 446.0564, 446.0568, 446.0572, 446.0576, 446.0580 and 446.0584. The Natural Rubber Latex TSUSA Number monitored by RMA is 446.0540 with Gutta balata, Gutta-percha, and Jelutong or pontianak derived from TSUSA Numbers 446.0510, 446.0520 and 446.0530.

RMA natural rubber import numbers do not contain TSUSA Numbers: 446.1000 (Natural rubber containing filler, etc.) and 446.1200 (Chlorinated natural rubber).

Synthetic Rubber TSUSA Numbers monitored by RMA are: 446.1539, 446.1571, 446.1576 and 446.1597 (SBR Dry); 446.1535 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1533 and 446.1557 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber import numbers do not contain the following TSUSA Numbers: 446.1544 (Styrene-butadiene containing over 50% styrene); 446.1580 (Silicone); 446.2000 (Reclaimed rubber of all kinds); and 446.3000 (Mixtures of any of the foregoing).

EXPORTS: RMA export figures are based upon the following United States Schedule B Numbers:

Natural Rubber (Dry) export number is 446.0515 and 446.0505 for Natural Rubber (Latex). RMA natural rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.1000 and 446.1200.

Synthetic rubber export Schedule B Numbers monitored by RMA are as follows: 446.1541, 446.1571, and 446.1576 (SBR Dry); 446.1536 (SBR Latex); 446.1516 (Polybutadiene); 446.1506 (Butyl); 446.1511 (Nitrile); 446.1531 (Polyisoprene); 446.1526 (Ethylene-propylene); 446.1521 (Polychloroprene); and 446.1547 and 446.1561 (Elastomers).

RMA synthetic rubber export numbers do not contain Schedule B Numbers 446.2000 (Reclaimed) and 446.3000 (Mixtures).

APPARENT CONSUMPTION: Figures are calculated by RMA by adding Beginning Stocks to Production and Imports, and subtracting Exports and Ending Stocks. The consumption figures for natural rubber contains International Natural Rubber Organization (INRO) stock purchases, since the amounts are not disclosed for ninety (90) days. The latest available stock figure is presented for your use should you wish to subtract it from the apparent consumption figure shown.

ENDING STOCKS: Figures are as reported to RMA with only the Butyl, Polyisoprene, Silicone, and Other Synthetic Elastomers containing an estimate based upon the US Government's MA30A annual report.

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